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The Inside Oswald Story

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When Jack Ruby pumped a bullet into Lee Harvey Oswald, he may have closed a chapter in the sordid history of Communist-inspired political murder. This is the conclusion of intelligence operatives and investigative newspapermen who have been tracing Lee Oswald's movements both in the Soviet Union and in the United States.

According to these sources, Oswald was (1) trained in espionage and political violence; and (2) acting not for the Soviet Union but for the so-called Stalinist or "anti-party" underground in the Communist international movement. If the account of his activities is accurate, Comrade Khrushchev's protestations of horror at the assassination of President Kennedy were, for once, sincere.

To take the second point first, it is clear from all the available information that Comrade Khrushchev believed that he could deal with President Kennedy in bringing about that period of deceptive "peaceful coexistence" which the Kremlin so desperately needs. By the same token, the secret "Stalinist" opposition hopes to see continuous international turmoil in order to use it as a pretext for undermining and eventually toppling Comrade Khrushchev. Once the "out" group has taken over, it will proclaim the need for "peaceful coexistence" with equal passion.

The FBI's flat statement that the Kremlin had no hand in the Kennedy assassination is supported by new evidence now being scrutinized by the Warren commission. But this does not mean that Lee Oswald did not receive the training in the Soviet Union which prepared him for the horrible day in Dallas.

According to sources which I have in the past found reliable, this is the Lee Oswald story:

When Oswald tore up his American passport during a trip to the Soviet Union in 1959, his application for Soviet citizenship was carefully scrutinized. That he was a Marine, expert in firearms, and with that peculiarly introverted psyche common to members of any murder *apparat* was clearly discernible. He was immediately sent to the Kachenko Hospital of Psychiatry, run by the Soviet intelligence services, where he was thoroughly tested and examined to determine whether or not he was a Central Intelligence Agency plant.

Having passed these tests, Oswald took his preliminary training as a member of the *apparat* in Moscow, then was sent on to Minsk. His orders

were signed by Col. Peter Ivanovich Ivachutin. (Oswald had said that he worked in a factory in Minsk.) In his advanced training, Oswald was assigned to a team of three—a "troika"—made up along traditional NKVD lines. One man is the chief, another is the technician who operates as a specialist in communications—radio, microfilm, and code—and the third is the executioner. This last was Oswald's role.

At this point, Lee Harvey Oswald "surfaced." He asked to be returned to the United States, pleading disillusionment with the Soviet system. Two facts in his return should have alerted U. S. security agencies:

(1) He was allowed to make his approach to U. S. authorities without any hindrance, and far more important (2) he was allowed to leave with his Russian wife. In other cases it has taken tremendous pressure and publicity to win Soviet assent to this—as American correspondents and others who married in the Soviet Union can attest.

Once here, however, Oswald was subverted by those Stalinist forces which still remain within the underground *apparat*. Like all Communists, the Stalinists subscribe to principles of rigidly controlled violence catechized by a Russian revolutionist of the 19th Century named Nechayev and later adopted by Lenin. These principles call for an elite corps of professional agents who operate under very specific plans. Recent high-ranking Soviet defectors have sketched out the organization and methodology of these terror and murder units.

If this account has any basis in fact, two other aspects of the Kennedy assassination assume importance. First, Oswald took a trip to Mexico just before the day of the terrible deed. In apparatus work of this sort, the direction is always handled in a neighboring country. This is standard operating procedure.

Secondly, the theory that Oswald was mad does not match his behavior after his arrest. The mad political assassins issue flamboyant justifications of their acts. The trained assassin clams up. This is what Oswald did.

What Oswald really was and who his principals were will remain in obscurity unless a new defector brings the story out with him. But certainly, there are enough facts in the dossiers of intelligence services around the world to put together much of the story—as others did in discovering the background of Trotsky's murderer, a man who had much in common psychologically with Oswald.

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